THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The targeted growth rate of GDP at market prices for the Tenth Five Year Plan is 8.1 per cent. As against this, according to the estimates released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) the growth rate of GDP at market prices (at 1993-94 prices) was 4.1 per cent for 2002-03, 8.6 per cent in 2003-04 and 6.9 per cent in 2004-05.

(c) and (d) The steps being taken by the Government to achieve the targeted growth rate during the remaining period of the Tenth Five Year Plan are being spelt out in the Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan, which is currently being finalised.

Connectivity to World Heritage Sites

3807. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tourism Ministry requested Planning Commission to provide funds to give connectivity to world heritage sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decisions has been taken in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V RAJASEKHARAN) (a) There has been no formal request for funds received in the Planning Commission from the Ministry of Tourism to provide connectivity to world heritage sites.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

People Earning Less than one Dollar a Day

3808. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been a sharp decline in the number of people earning less than one dollar a day; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?